

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE YEAR 1896.

LOOKING BACKWARD

Upon the Works of the Past Year
in the City of Decatur.

HISTORY OF PAST TWELVE MONTHS

Buildings Which Have Been Erected
in the Community and the Cost
Doing in the Different
Public Institutions.

The year of 1896, which has been an eventful period in the last history of this country, has been equally so for the city of Decatur. The year has brought to the community many important changes and improvements and all things considered it has not been a bad year.

While the merchants have felt the hard times seriously the business of the city has been as good as could be expected and was better than in most cities of the same size. Since January first last there have been a large number of merchants who have been unable to tide over financial difficulties and have been forced to close their doors but this has been the case all over the country. On the other hand quite a number of the merchants have enlarged their stores and expended their business. The great presidential campaign of 1896 was a big event of the year. Since the election business has settled down and many of the manufacturing industries of the city, which were closed part of the time, have again opened up their doors for work. On the whole the prospects for a good year to come is encouraging, and the general opinion of the business men of the city is that 1897 will begin one of the most prosperous periods the city has experienced for a number of years.

Thousands of dollars have been expended the past year on the improvements of the city and building of public works. Sewers have been put in, sidewalks laid and many other important changes have been carried out. The amount of building done in the year, although not as great as the year previous can be said to be large when the financial condition of the community is considered. In spite of the hard times some of the handsomest buildings in the city have been erected and this very thing has given employment to many men who would otherwise have been out of work. It is estimated that about three-quarters of a million dollars have been expended for building during the year.

The nature of some of the buildings which have been added to the city has changed materially the manner of conducting business. The erection of several high buildings for office purposes has given to the place a metropolitan air which it would not otherwise possess. During the past year there has been a general moving among the business men which has been caused by the new buildings. The first of the year will see most every professional man in different offices from where he was twelve months before.

Members of every class of people have suffered from the hard times and none have escaped the results of the money panic but nevertheless the city has thrived through it all and the outlook for Decatur is certainly as bright as ever. Below is given in brief some of the improvements and progress made in different branches during the year which is just closing.

BUILDING.

The amount of building done in the past year has not been as great as that of 1895 but considering the fact that the hard times have been felt by almost everyone it was an exceedingly good year for building. It has been estimated that the amount of building and repairing done in the year of 1896 will amount to about three-quarters of a million dollars. Two of the handsome business blocks of the city, the Millikin bank building and the Morehouse, Wells & Co. building, although started the year previous, were completed in 1896 and opened for business.

The most important building of the year was of course the new Powers block which was erected by Orlando Powers at a cost of something over \$150,000. John Ulrich spent \$15,000 in a handsome building on Merchant street, about \$20,000 was spent on improving the Masonic Temple and an addition costing \$30,000 was built to the Schellenger mill. Some

of the other improvements in the business blocks were the building of the Schladerman hotel, \$16,000; rebuilding of the W. J. Chenoweth building at the corner of North Main and William streets, \$6000; Lyons & Son's building, \$15,000; Daniel Moore, cooper shop, \$2500; Bohon, McReynolds Co., store on East Eldorado street, \$15,000; F. W. Brinkmeyer building, \$13,000; McMahon and Fulton, \$1000; N. A. Cruzan, implement house, \$8000; Hizer building erected on North Water street, \$7500; addition to the Gallagher block, \$3000; Paul Heiklich building on East North street, \$3000; Tuttle building on Eldorado street, \$6000; Fred Norman made improvements amounting to \$3500; C. W. Wyckoff building on North Water street, \$800; A. F. Gebhart building on North Water street, \$20,000; R. J. Waggy store room on East North street, \$3000. There were a number of small business houses and additions made.

It is estimated that about thirty good sized and handsome residences were built at a total cost of about \$75,000, and probably another \$100,000 was expended for smaller dwellings. In the suburbs of the city there are a large number of small houses which have been built during the past year.

One of the important buildings which was finished this year was Powers' opera house which grew out of the ruin of the old theatre. It cost about \$70,000. Mattes Bros. expended about \$3000 and G. A. Ahrens rebuilt his bottling works at a cost of \$3500. A considerable amount of money was spent on improving the First Methodist church. Rev. James Hobbs built a little church for \$1000; and O. Ammann expended \$8500 in buildings. The new Turner hall, which cost about \$8000, was completed this year.

LIBRARY

Of all the public institutions of the city there is probably none which benefits as many persons of all ages and conditions as the free public library. As far as is concerned the number of books on the shelves, and the methods of the management, there is not a city the size of Decatur in the state with a better library. At present there are 15,383 books of all kinds in the library, and about 1000 of those have been purchased during the past year.

Among these are some of the most valuable volumes in the library. The last annual report of the board of managers of the library contains some interesting figures. For the library year the whole number of books circulated was 45,932; the largest number in one month was 9294; the smallest number 1035; the largest number circulated in one day was 750; the smallest number 103; the average circulation for a month was 7137, and for a day 315. Of the books taken out of the library 15 per cent were literary and scientific works, 50 per cent prose fiction, and 35 per cent juvenile books. The number of cards issued during the library year were 1632. There are now over 4000 persons who take advantage of the privilege of taking books from the library. This number includes grown persons both rich and poor, high school students, and children of all ages.

There are some interesting figures in regard to the number of persons visiting the reading rooms in one year. The number was 87,632. The largest number in one month was 13,045, the smallest number 4788. The largest number of visitors in one day was 840, the smallest number 120. The average monthly attendance was 7306, the average daily attendance 334. The total number of persons who have had the educational advantages of taking books from the library and visiting the reading rooms in one year was 173,615.

During one year 52 volumes were donated to the library besides those purchased. On the shelves of the library is a fine lot of well selected books of all kinds which are at the disposal of the public. In the reading rooms are about 90 different periodicals, daily, weekly and monthly publications. In addition to new books that have been purchased some improvements have been made in the library rooms. The librarian's private office was refurnished and new shelves were put in.

There has been some talk of making an effort to move the library from the present quarters in the Library block to the new Powers building, but nothing definite in this direction has been done. Those who are interested in the welfare of the library and who understand the workings of the institution say that what the library needs is a separate building erected for the purpose. Other cities of the same size have library buildings and it is the hope of those interested that it will not be long before the Decatur library will have a suitable home.

CORONER

During the past year there have been 39 suicides and sudden and accidental deaths which have necessitated coroner's inquests. This is the largest number of inquests which has ever been held in one year in the history of the county. Out of the number 19 died from natural causes, 8 were killed by the railroad, 1 burned to death, 2 murdered, 5 drowned, 4 committed suicide, 4 met accidental deaths and one died of unknown causes. The following are the dates of the different inquests and the verdicts rendered, taken from Coroner Bendure's record books:

January 16—John Hughes, died suddenly in the night at his home, 631 East Leadland avenue; verdict: apoplexy.

January 26—Man supposed to be Frank Short, died in city prison; verdict: natural causes.

February 1—William C. Ros, killed in a railroad collision at Oakley on the night of Jan. 31.

February 10—John Malley, fell on the street and died in the city prison of hemorrhage of the lungs.

February 26—Raymond Booker, child, died suddenly at family home on Spring avenue; verdict: cause unknown.

March 3—Joseph N. Hatch, died suddenly; verdict: natural causes unknown to jury.

March 4—Bridget McKinley, died suddenly at her home on South Water street; verdict: natural causes.

March 13—Julia Condon, child, severely burned while playing near a fire and died shortly after.

March 24—Scott McGlasson, child, killed by the falling of the Milligan building on Front street; dead body found in the ruins.

April 8—Martha L. Zell, found dead in bed at her home six miles east of the city; verdict: natural causes.

April 26—Unknown man (afterward found to be August Hackman), body found in woods east of city; verdict: death was caused by blows inflicted by persons unknown to the jury.

June 12—William White (colored), struck by P. D. & E. engine at Wood street crossing and died several days later.

June 13—Edgar Reinholdt, child, drowned while swimming in the Sangamon river near the dam.

June 13—Albert Phillips, drowned in the Sangamon river while trying to save the life of his companion, Reinholdt.

June 17—Charles R. Bauer, killed on June 15 by being struck by the McKinley special train.

July 1—James Brownlee, struck by Wabash train south of the St. Louis bridge while trying to steal a team of horses and wagon.

July 8—Fred M. Abbott, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home in the northwest part of the city.

July 11—Mrs. Josephine Smith, found dead at her home four miles west of the city; verdict: natural causes.

July 11—May Wheeler, infant, died suddenly; verdict: natural causes.

July 17—Garrett Marshall, kicked on the head by a horse and died of injuries.

July 30—George Clinton, met death in the Sangamon river near the I. D. & W. bridge; verdict: accidental drowning.

August 1—William B. Carlisle, found in an unconscious condition in a box car with skull fractured and died a few days later; verdict: death from the hands of unknown persons.

August 5—George E. Adamson, committed suicide by taking poison; body found in a levee hotel.

August 13—Frank Wakeman, drowned in the Sangamon river.

August 18—Unknown man, body found in the river a mile below the St. Louis bridge; verdict: causes unknown to the jury; identity never established.

August 17—James McConchie, died of injuries inflicted on Aug. 13 by being struck by a Wabash train.

September 1—Fannie Thomason, killed at the Water street crossing of the Wabash, while driving a horse and buggy in front of a train.

September 11—Nellie Smith, colored child, died suddenly; verdict: natural causes.

September 13—Clarence Horzoun, committed suicide by shooting himself, at Maroa.

October 8—Cort Cain, found in an unconscious condition and taken to city prison, where he died; verdict: apoplexy, caused by over dose of morphine and whiskey.

October 31—Frank Hall, a peddler, body found with skull fractured in the river near the I. D. & W. bridge; verdict: causes unknown.

November 4—William Ditzler, body found in the river near the Riverside boat landing; verdict: accidental death while fishing.

November 13—Fred Aboltz, dropped dead at his home, 541 North College street; verdict: natural causes.

November 25—Rev. James Miller, body found in an alley between William and North streets near Edward street; verdict: that he came to his death by a pistol shot fired by his own hand with suicidal intent.

November 26—Clarence Eberly, run over by a Wabash freight train at the Jasper street crossing and died the same day.

December 2—Samuel Corbett, body found in a field near the Shady Grove school; has been missing a month; verdict: death caused by epileptic seizure.

December 28—O. E. Hill, brakeman on the Illinois Central, run over by train on December 24 and died three days later.

December 30—Robert E. Davidson, hanged himself in a barn on his farm in Austin township; verdict: suicide.

THE JAIL

The year has been a busy one for the sheriff of Macon county. There have been many prisoners to care for and a large amount of civil business. Since January 1 last there have been 703 prisoners in the county jail, 98 of whom were women. Four men were held for murder. They were Myers, who is now in jail awaiting another trial for the murder of August Hackman; Lewis, the negro, who was taken back to Kentucky; Ed Polen who was recently tried at Clinton and sent to the penitentiary, and McPherson, the man who confessed to his crime and was taken back to Iowa. From this county during the past year 32 have been sent to the penitentiary at Chester, 16 to the insane asylum at Kankakee, 18 to the reform school at Pontiac, six to the dependent school at Chicago and one woman to the penitentiary at Joliet.

The deputies in the sheriff's office have been exceedingly busy the past year with civil business. In the circuit court there has been a particularly large amount of chancery business and this has made work for the sheriff and his assistants. The increase in the sheriff's business is shown by the fact that a docket the same size as one which lasted four years has been filled with entries during the past two years and the business during the year just closed has increased half as much again as the year before.

POOR FARM

Steward Burley reports some interesting figures in regard to what has been done at the county poor farm in the past year. During that time 153 persons have been admitted and 147 discharged. Five of the inmates have died and three were born. This makes a total of 1847 persons who have been admitted to the farm since the year 1872, and 132 who have died in the same time. The farm now consists of about 200 acres of land, with buildings which will comfortably accommodate about 80 persons.

During the year there has been sold from the place about \$700 worth of grain, stock and butter. Mr. Burley says that it does not cost him more than 50 cents per capita per week to maintain the inmates, and at this remarkably low price they are well fed and cared for.

The past season there was planted 50 acres of corn, 25 of oats, 6 of potatoes, 4000 heads of cabbage, 800 sweet potato plants and 700 tobacco plants. There is a large vineyard, and an orchard which bore 400 bushels of apples. To conduct the farm the Steward does not have any paid help from November to March.

The following amounts of staples have been used on the farm during the year: 5000 pounds of pork; 5 hives; 20,000 pounds of flour, and 5500 pounds of corn meal. All of this was produced on the farm. One hundred and fifty tons of coal was used to heat the furnace and for cooking purposes.

Lucas Rockwell is the oldest inmate of the farm. He has been under the care of the county since before 1887 when the farm was located south of the city. Mr. Burley has been Steward of the farm since March, 1894. The place is now in excellent condition and there are very few improvements which it will be necessary to make the coming year. Since the new addition was erected the buildings are amply large to accommodate all the charges that come under the care of the county.

CHURCHES

The churches of Decatur have, during the past year, progressed at a pace equal to the other institutions of the city. Some marked improvements and changes have

been made. Quite a number of the ministers have been removed and others brought in their places. Rev. D. R. McGregor, the present pastor of the First Baptist church, was called this year. Rev. R. G. Hobbs, pastor of Grace Methodist church, was changed by the conference to Jacksonville, and Rev. W. F. Gilmore sent to take his place. The First Christian church, which was in existence a year ago, has been entirely disbanded and two other bodies, the Church Street Christian church, with Rev. George F. Hall at the head, and the Edward street Christian church, have grown out of the dissolution. All Angel's Episcopal church, which was formerly a chapel and was closed for a number of years, has been opened under another name and Rev. W. Bedford Jones placed in charge as pastor. At the First Presbyterian church the pastor, Rev. W. H. Penhalligon, found his congregation so large that an assistant was needed, and Rev. Mr. Clotey acted in that capacity during the summer, and another man will be found to take the place he resigned. Rev. Mr. Spayd was appointed as pastor of the United Brethren church in place of Rev. Mr. Sibole, who was sent to another city.

Among the improvements of church buildings which have been made is that of the First Methodist church. Several hundred dollars were expended in making changes, decorating, painting and carpeting the auditorium and Sunday school room. In the spring there will be another handsome new church erected in the city. It will be built by the Cumberland Presbyterian congregation on East Eldorado street and will be a structure which the city can well be proud of.

Y. M. C. A.

The record of the work of the local Y. M. C. A. for the past year makes a creditable showing. Notwithstanding the fact that the association was without a gymnasium instructor for about six months the physical work is in better condition than it ever was at any previous time. The figures on the books show that during the year 1400 baths were given, employment was found for nine young men, lodging provided for four, meals for nineteen, sixty-five were directed to boarding places, assistance was given to fifty-five who were sick. Since September 1 sixty gymnasium classes have been held with a total attendance of 618, while 750 persons have made use of the gymnasium in three months. Herbert S. Bair was recently appointed physical instructor and has been making great progress in the organization and conducting of the classes.

The religious department of the association has been under the direction of James L. Deck and has kept pace with the other lines of work. Reports show that 46 gospel meetings for men have been held with a total attendance of 1090. Fifteen bible training classes were held with an attendance of 145. At the meetings 16 persons have asked for prayer, three have been converted and six have become connected with churches as a result of the meetings. A male quartette has been organized to sing at the meetings.

The social atmosphere of the rooms has been wholesome and helpful to the members at all times. Five special entertainments have been given by the ladies' central committee with a total attendance of 3150.

One of the important features of the educational department of the Y. M. C. A. was the presentation of the lecture course which netted about \$70. The money was used to pay the shortage of the previous year. The reading rooms of the association are better equipped than ever before and the attendance by the members is much larger.

The total membership of the association at this time is 280, which is 50 less than a year ago, the decrease being due to financial conditions and lack of work among the young men. The receipts for membership fees for the year will reach \$1084. Seven members have been transferred and eleven have been received from other associations and one has been lost by death.

About \$70 was expended in improving the baths, \$100.00 for new apparatus for the gymnasium, carpets and matting for the rooms amounting to \$65 was provided by the ladies' central committee, and other small gifts from different sources amounting to \$25 which makes a total of \$259.50 worth of improvements that have been made. The outlay for the year amounts to \$3844.20, the entire amount of which is covered by membership fees and subscriptions. This includes \$200 which was paid on outstanding notes but does not include expenditure for improvement or money raised by lecture course, which

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PUBLIC WORKS

Which Have Been Made in Decatur During the Year.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS SPENT

By the City and Individuals in Building
Sewers and Sidewalks and Otherwise Improving and Beautifying the City.

The amount of public improvement made in Decatur during 1896 has exceeded that done in the same length of time for several years past. The street paving is about the only branch of work which has not been extensively carried on. Maryland street, paved at a cost of \$1025, was the only work in the paving line that was accomplished this year.

The most important public improvement and one which is a permanent work is the extension of the big Broadway sewer at a cost of about \$30,000. In addition to this the old Broadway sewer was repaired and a number of smaller sewers built, which cost from \$500 to \$750 each. Another big item was that of water mains. About three miles of them were laid during the year at an expense of about \$18,000. About five miles of sidewalks were laid at a cost of \$3500, and nearly \$4000 was expended for repairing the streets. A new dynamo was purchased and several hundred dollars spent for putting up new electric wires. The curbing on North Water street which was recently completed cost about \$1600, and the same kind of work in other parts of the city amounted to several hundred dollars.

The park commissioners expended about \$1500 for a new pavilion at Fairview park. New gates were put up at the entrance and other improvements made which added to the beauty of the place. There will probably be some more changes made by the commissioners the coming year.

The total amount of money expended for the improvements of the city during the last year will amount to about \$65,000. City Clerk Hays gives the following figures of the amount of money expended in the fiscal year beginning the first of last May to the present time, and the balance in each fund: Repairing paved streets, \$3473.28, balance on hand, \$526.72; public improvement fund, \$10,029.15, balance, \$76.90; water works fund \$22,682.83, balance \$317.17; the department fund \$14,892.95, balance \$2354.95; police department fund \$11,505.98, balance \$4434.03; salaries fund \$7791.28, balance \$331.22, balance \$168.78; public parks \$382.10, balance \$637.90; health department \$801, balance \$190; law department \$343.50, balance \$154.50; cleaning paved streets \$1871.42, balance \$28.59.

FIREMEN

The year has been a busy one for the fire department but they have lacked just sixteen as having as many calls this year as they did the year previous. During the past year there has been 181 runs made by the department. Of this number 32 have been incendiary fires and 8 were false alarms. A considerable amount of apparatus has been purchased for the department but at a comparatively small cost. The expenditures were as follows: Two thousand feet of hose, \$1400; new fire truck, \$1250; team for the truck, \$225; repairs on the building at Morgan street, \$150; making a total amount spent for improving the department, \$3225. There is now 4000 feet of serviceable hose. Three new men have been added to the force and Chief Severe now has twenty men to assist him. Among some of the important fires during the year and the losses were the Matting hay barn, \$2500; A. F. Gebhart store, \$65,000; N. A. Cruzan, implement house, \$10,000; H. E. Foster residence and Colby Bros., \$10,000; J. W. Mitchell residence, \$2300. The total loss for eleven months of the year amounts to \$108,718.27, with a loss of about \$10,000 for the month of December, making about \$118,000 loss by fire in the city.

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is a separate fund. Four new directors have been elected. The board of directors, the members of which will meet on January 5 to organize for the year is composed of the following: D. A. Strader, E. P. Irving, J. L. Deck, J. E. Willis, C. S. Goshert, C. C. Barnard, George T. Tucker, W. C. Outton, J. S. Starr, F. K. Pennington, H. P. Wetzell, J. P. Eckels, E. R. Culver and Bert Hivans.

THE HOME

One of the most important charitable institutions in the city and one which is a source of much comfort to the poor is the Anna B. Millikin Home. During the past year much has been done at the Home, and the coming year promises to be an important one in the history of the place. The Home is divided into two branches—the old ladies' home and the industrial school. The idea of the former is to give homes to the old ladies of the city who are without a place of residence. During the past year seventeen old ladies have been at the Home. Of these six have been temporary boarders, three permanent boarders, two have been kept without compensation, and three have been kept at the home by the county. Besides these there have been a large number who have found shelter for a short time. Those who are able pay the institution a sum for their lodging and board, but if they are without money they are cared for free of charge.

At the industrial school during the year there have been twelve girls, two of whom are now at the school, one was sent to the Woman's Refuge at Chicago, one to the Reform school at Chicago, and one was sent to a private home at Haverhill. The latter was recently married, and as she was not of age the consent of the managers of the home was secured. The Home has full charge of the children placed there and unless they are adopted by law they are still under the care of the managers after they have been placed in private homes. Seven girls have been taken in good homes where they would be properly cared for. During the year there has been eleven little girls who have been boarded at the home by their mothers. These children were sent to school and were cared for while their mothers were working at other places. Eight little babies have also found shelter at the Home. One of these was sent to New York to a private family; another was found a home in this city and the others were taken home by their relatives.

At present there are nine old ladies and ten children at the institution under the care of the matron, Mrs. Wyckoff, and her assistants. In the past year the Home has been greatly helped by generous donations which have been made by different persons of the city. Many small repairs and improvements have been made about the building and the inmates are quite comfortable, but the place is much too small to meet the demands. The Home has a bright prospect for the next year. James Millikin has offered \$10,000 for a new building if a like amount can be raised and the managers will now bend every effort to secure that amount of money. The intention is to erect in this city a home that will be adequate for all purposes.

EXCHANGE

An institution which has almost become a necessity with the public of the city, and one which helps to support a large number of families is the Woman's Exchange, and an account of what has been accomplished in that line during the year will be of interest to many persons. The exchange is a charitable institution and the object is to create a market for women who can make bread, pies, cakes, etc., to sell, and who would otherwise be unable to dispose of their goods to advantage. At the same time the tastes of the public have been catered to until the exchange has established a large trade in the city and is a place which would be greatly missed by the housewife.

During the past year the books of the treasurer, Mrs. Woodard, show money received from the following sources: Sales of bread, pies and other edibles, \$465.29; sales of lunches, \$141.50; fees, \$22.55; rent of store space, \$1.87; total receipts, \$632.11. The following amounts have been paid out: Paid to depositors for the goods sold, \$400.00; rent, \$97.00; salaries, \$454.36; gas, \$27.38; paper and other incidentals, \$121.70; total, \$1,096.38. This makes the exchange about \$53 behind on the year and with an indebtedness left over from last year they are about \$150 behind. The object is not to make money but simply to make expenses. The depositors who bring their goods to be sold pay the exchange a certain per cent to help defray expenses. During the next year the managers hope to make the finances come out even. During the past year about thirty women have sold goods through the exchange and many of them depend largely upon this as a means of making their living. The exchange has been established about five years and the past twelve months has ended more successfully than any previous year. The board now controlling the exchange is composed of the following ladies: Mrs.

A. T. Hill, president; Mrs. W. R. Breda, Mrs. Lex Montgomery, Mrs. J. B. Bullard, Mrs. Frank Rouch, Mrs. W. B. Hostetter, Mrs. John Armstrong, Mrs. O. B. Gorin, Mrs. D. R. Alexander, Mrs. J. M. Maria, and Mrs. Woodard, treasurer.

CLUBS

The Clubs and Societies of Decatur have made quite a number of improvements during the year, some having fitted entirely new halls and apartments. The members of the Decatur Club have made their new club rooms the handsomest in this part of the state. The building which they occupy has been remodeled and their rooms have not only been enlarged but have been newly furnished and refitted throughout.

The members of the Woman's Club, while they have not made any changes in their building, have improved their work and soon expect to extend the club to other towns in the county.

The members of the Wheelmen's Club have secured new quarters in the Syndicate block and are comfortably located. Among the secret societies there have been a number of important improvements. Cour du Leon Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., are now preparing to move into their new hall in the Powers block. The Masons have new quarters in the Temple block and the members of Macon Lodge have refurnished their hall in the Masonic Temple and made extensive improvements which necessitated a large expenditure of money.

SCHOOLS

Decatur is better equipped with schools this year than it ever was before and is in better shape to offer educational advantages to the young people than most of the cities of its size. The most important improvement which has been made during the year in this line was the erection of the Oakland school in the west part of the city. The building is of the most modern pattern and was built and finished at a cost of about \$15,000. The new school is now attended by several hundred children living in that part of the city who would otherwise have been obliged to go to other schools for distant or stay at home.

Some improvements have been made at the high school, among which was the addition of about \$150 worth of apparatus to the laboratory. There were also some minor improvements in the different schools about the city. Three new teachers have been added to the city schools and the attendance is larger than in any previous year. The changes which have been made in the management of the schools have created an excellent system.

TAXES

County Clerk J. M. Dodd on Wednesday finished the work of extending the taxes for the year 1896. Since the second week in November a force of men has been at work in his office on the books. They finished on time. The law says the books must be done between the 20th and the 31st of December. No penalty is attached for failure to finish by the end of the year, but the books are usually done then. This year the rate was not received until nearly a month after the usual time. That made the work to be done in the prescribed time a good deal bigger, but by working all the men that could be secured and pushing the work, Mr. Dodd got it done in time.

The total tax in Macon county is \$428,338.36 a good sum. As may be seen by the figures below, it is \$11,630 less than last year. That it will be seen below, is much the largest year in the county's history.

It will be noticed that the state and interest taxes this year are all larger than last year. The school tax is much smaller. The tax of each township for both the years 1895 and 1896 are given below, that they may be compared:

Townships.	1895.	1896.
Austin	10,796.71	\$ 11,179.83
Blue Mound	9,672.95	9,198.03
City of Decatur	294,406.56	196,135.69
Decatur township	29,823.79	21,090.02
Friends Creek	16,262.54	16,631.86
Hurricane	8,594.71	8,291.09
Hickory Point	12,699.36	11,288.18
Hilli	11,632.32	12,305.22
Long Creek	12,122.97	11,595.64
Macon	21,699.64	22,012.33
Millam	5,641.75	5,308.41
Mr. Zion	12,775.85	14,568.79
Nantite	11,317.05	10,932.52
Oakley	8,937.45	8,169.48
Pleasant View	14,428.99	12,918.95
South Macon	13,168.42	13,022.16
South Wheatland	9,149.45	9,293.47
Whitmore	10,171.54	9,493.01
Telegraph & telephone	781.90	655.13
Railroad	25,476.22	25,286.40
Total	\$439,596.72	\$428,338.36

The different funds of the county's taxes are for the following purposes:

	1895.	1896.
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	1894.	1895.	1896.
State	389,448.50	388,404.71	374,348.74
County	334,342.41	334,342.41	334,342.41
Local	330,054.42	330,054.42	330,054.42

WHERE IS THE DAUNTLESS?

When Word Was Received From Washington to Clear the Vessel It Was Gone.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31.—When the collector of customs received instructions from the treasury department yesterday to clear the Dauntless for Nuevitas, Cuba, the vessel was somewhere down the coast, it was said. W. A. Biebes, owner of the boat, says it has gone on a wrecking tour, and will not be back for several days. He did not expect to hear from Washington for several days. It is believed that the boat is now off on a filibustering trip, although there is no positive information of this.

The Dauntless gave the revenue cutters the slip yesterday, going out of the river from one of the shallow channels, and this has aroused the suspicion that the vessel is again on a filibustering trip.

The owners say that the vessel will be formally cleared for Cuba as soon as it shall return.

Several car loads of arms and ammunition are in the city awaiting shipment.

A rather anomalous fact is that if the Dauntless or Commodore shall clear for Cuba the Spanish consul or vice consul will have to sign the clearance papers, this being required when a vessel clears for a case of a Spanish officer affixing his signature to a document permitting a vessel to carry war material to a people fighting against his government.

Consul Solis asked if he would refuse to sign the clearance papers of the Dauntless. He said that he would not refuse, as it was his duty to sign the papers.

The cargo of both boats will be shipped to Salvador Cienfuegos, president of the Cuban republic, the Dauntless' cargo consigned to Nuevitas, and that of the Commodore to Santiago.

Bermuda Searched. New York, Dec. 31.—The steamer Bermuda, known in connection with alleged filibustering expeditions to Cuba, was searched by a United States revenue officer as she lay off Liberty Island yesterday. Last night the Bermuda took coal and provisions on board, and yesterday she shipped a crew of twenty-five men. The revenue cutter Manhattan is prepared to accompany the steamer to the three-mile limit when she goes to sea.

As Palma Views It. New York, Dec. 31.—Thomas Estrada Palma, president of the Cuban Junta, said yesterday, after reading the order of the secretary of treasury, relative to the Dauntless' clearance:

"This is a victory for us, so far as it allows the boat to leave port. We have forced the authorities at Washington to give us clearance papers, although some time ago they declared that such boats as the Dauntless could not get them except under stringent restrictions. This is a step forward. If it vessel clears for a certain port she has to give a reasonable excuse if she does not deliver her cargo at that point. But stress of weather, you know, or some other accident might compel her to throw the cargo overboard or deliver it somewhere else. We in New York know nothing of the Dauntless case. We hope it will result in a proper construction of the law, which is now vague and difficult to understand. Even the authorities at Washington are all at sea regarding it, and it will be a good thing that we have got a ruling."

Weyler's Ill Success. Key West, Fla., Dec. 31.—Reports from Artemisa state that Weyler has found it necessary to entrench some of his advanced positions and to build one or two block houses to keep the command of the military road from Artemisa to San Cristobal. The insurgents have driven back two of his detachments from the foothills. Weyler is unable to secure tidings of the movements of General Rivera, and it is reported that he is somewhat worried over the situation. In spite of his boast as to clearing the Pinar del Rio section in one month, he is as far from accomplishing it as when he first arrived at Artemisa. Several communications have come to the palace at Havana from Madrid, and it is reported that Weyler is told in plain language that he must do something very soon or be recalled.

Says Cameron Resolution Will Pass. Concord, N. H., Dec. 31.—Senator Gallinger said yesterday he had no doubt that the Cameron Cuban resolution would pass the senate before March 4. "If the Cameron resolution should pass congress over a presidential veto," said the senator, "and the president should then refuse to act upon it, he would subject himself to impeachment. There might be some question whether the house of representatives, which alone has the power to present articles of impeachment, would vote to do so, but there is no question at all whether the president would be liable to impeachment in such an event."

William Sullivan got a writ of replevin yesterday for a bridled bull dog, that he says is his, but that William Hollingsworth has and will not give it up. The writ was given to Constable W. W. Conard, who went to Hollingsworth's house in the "Y" between the Wabash Springfield and St. Louis tracks, and seized it, notifying Hollingsworth to be before Justice of the Peace Shorb on Jan. 3 and prove his title to the dog or have it taken from him. The officer got a warm reception from both the present holders of the dog and the dog itself, but he did his duty and got away.

THE STUDIO GIRL

An Interesting Letter From a Young Ladies' College.

Race Between the Sexes for Education. Health Impaired by Incessant Study.

The race between the sexes for education is to-day very close.

Ambitious girls work incessantly over their studies, and are often brought to a halt, through having sacrificed the physical to the mental.

Then begin those ailments that must be removed at once, or they will produce constant suffering. Headache, dizziness, faintness, slight vertigo, pains in the back and loins, irregularity, loss of sleep and appetite, nervousness and blues, with lack of confidence; these are positive signs that women's arch enemy is at hand.

The following letter was received by Mrs. Pinkham in May, one month after the young lady had first written, giving symptoms, and asking advice. She was ill and in great distress of mind, feeling she would not hold out till graduation, and the doctor had advised her to go home.

College, Mass.

You dear Woman:—

I should have written to you before, but you said wait a month. We are taught that the days of miracles are past. Pray what is my case? I have taken the Vegetable Compound faithfully, and obeyed you implicitly and am free from all my ills. I was a very, very sick girl. Am keeping well up in my class, and hope to do you and myself credit at graduation. * * My gratitude cannot find expression in words. Yours sincerely

friend, MARY

P. S. Some of the other girls are now using the Compound. It benefits them all.

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Golden Rio Coffee, lb.....	25c	6 " Tar ".....	25c
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The merchants of Champaign say that their Christmas trade has been quite up to the average.

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Concert and dramatical entertainment by the choir of St. James Catholic church at Turner hall on Monday, Jan. 4, '97, at 8 p. m. Admission 35c, for children, 10c.—31-4t

New upright pianos \$225, \$250, \$275 and \$300. A good upright piano, slightly used, for \$185 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house.—dec7-dtf

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephones, illustrates the old tedious method of "breaking colds" compared with the almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

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Detective Butler returned to Bloomington last night. He came down as stated in another column to look after stolen goods. A young man, supposed to have been one of the thieves, came down ahead of Butler but the detective was so smooth in his work that he accomplished the purpose of his visit before there was any interference.

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The following is the program to be given tonight at the home of Mrs. Andrews, 805 West Packard street, by the young people's society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Oysters will be served; Piano solo, Ethel Ashmore; select reading, W. J. Hawkins; duet, Misses Hughes and Vaughn; recitation, Maud Wallace; instrumental duet, Messrs. Record and Stimmet; vocal solo, Etta Andrews; recitation, Grace Record; piano solo, Anna Andrews. Everybody invited.

For Homeowners. Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

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ROBISON-GARVER WEDDING.

Brilliant Social Event at the Home of the Bride at Farmer City.

At Farmer City last night at 8 o'clock the home of Hon. Samuel B. Garver, Republican representative-elect from the 30th senatorial district, was brilliant with light and filled with a large number of friends to witness the marriage of the beautiful and accomplished daughter of the host and hostess. It was the chief social event in Farmer City society for the year and everybody felt a personal interest in the wedding because the couple are popular and held in high esteem.

The groom was Edward William Robison and the bride, Miss Nellie May Garver. The ceremony was solemnized in the parlor of the residence, the couple standing beneath a lovely veil of pink smilax. Rev. W. T. House spoke the words which made the couple husband and wife. The ring service was used. Miss Grace Robison played the wedding march from Lobengrin. Then came the congratulations which were of a most cordial nature. The bride was gown in ivory satin covered with crepe and chiffon. She carried a shower bouquet of white pinks. A sumptuous wedding repast was served. Gifts were many and beautiful.

Among the relatives and friends present were Mrs. J. B. Bullard and daughter, Miss Neta Bullard, and W. F. Calhoun of Decatur; Miss Nellie Johnson and Thomas Johnson of Carlinville; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Garver and children of Bloomington; Chris Garver of Monticello; Misses Daisy and Willie Garver of Bloomington; Fannie Webb, Ella Sangster, Fred Gould, B. F. Gay, John Price, Mary Staley, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Garver, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Robison, Grace and Clara Robison, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huddleston, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robison and Fred Mitchell. This afternoon about fifty friends attended a reception given at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Robison.

The couple will make their home for the present with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Garver. Mr. Robison is one of the energetic business young men at Farmer City and is bookkeeper for E. S. McClure, grain dealer. The bride has many relatives and friends in Macon and Platt counties who will wish her joy.

DAUGHTERS OF P. H. HUNT

Gave a Charming Party at Their Home Last Night.

Last night the Misses Katie and Pottio Hunt, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hunt, gave a very enjoyable social party at the family home, No. 525 East Corcoran street. The affair was in honor of their brother, Winfield Hunt, who is home from St. Viator's College, near Kankakee for the holidays. Dancing and cards were the amusement. The hours were from 7 until 11 and during the evening light luncheon was served. The young hostess were assisted in receiving by Misses Maggie Hunt, Maggie Kerney Rathbone and Mrs. S. Padgett. Those present were Misses Biven Vest of Monticello, Mesdames of Jovedale, Tom Mesdames of Jovedale, Marie Powers, Belle Dungan, Clara Trentman, Sadie Fitzpatrick, Flora Quinn, Grace Allen, Edith Hanford, Jeannette Powers, Katie Gogerty, Marie Mooney, Dess Keller, Edith Starr, Ida Loring, Miss Imboden, Bessie Fife, Laura Fife, Katie Callone, Edna Donapay, Helen Bachrach, Maude Downing, Irene Shellabarger, Tom Hoskins, Jay, Fay and Harry Montgomery, Frank Mooney, Ira and Walter Irwin, Eddie Keller, Kate McMahon, Walter Slade, Ray Brennenman, Herman Brennenman, Bern and Zellar, Carl Vall, Hal Hammer, Ed die Allman, Albert Bommerbach, Wilfred Cooke, Tom Carson, Eddie Baum, Laurence Dohlahunty, Jay Brown and Eben McNabb.

Leap Year Dancing Party.

The Woodman orchestra furnished the music for the leap year dancing party given last night at Chronister's hall to the members of the Pastime club and their friends. It was a brilliant affair. A fine supper was served. Those present were Katie Higgins, Allos Fagen, Mary Robinson, Clara Miller, Sophie Hambrecht, Rosa Abel, Laura Chilcote, Katie Davis, Mamie Wood, Maggie Kennedy, Lena and Mamie Traub, Katie Ward, Arvie Gunkle, Katie Brown, Maggie Glodern, Celia Travers, Bertha Tyrell, Dora Cramer, Maggie, Anna and Celia O'Donnell, Katie Walh, Bertha Ives, Dora Butts, Myrtle Mitchell, Dolly and Kate Champion, Anna Law, Leon Morris, Maggie O'Donnell, Frances Priest, Mary Higgins, Lena Hagen and L. G. Chaudler. W. M. Ruckle, William Young, S. H. Wallace, John Haven, P. Lahey, P. Fletcher, R. O'Brien, Fred Ives, D. Noltinger, Frank Higgins, Ed Kennedy, Rob Morris, A. C. Hoy, Ed O'Brien, Joe Browster, James Pann, R. J. Theld, Will Denz, Frank Marsh, Joseph Shoenle, Elmer Reval, Henry Lenson, James Ward, Ed Clark, Frank Meredith, George Kelson, Oro Hughes and George Van Cleave of Blue Mound, and W. W. Gunkle of Indiana.

My Dear Good Friends.

Be sure and order your New Year's dinner in ample time as the following commodities will be very scarce: Ducks, geese and turkeys, game, mallard, teal, butter ball ducks, squirrel, snipe and all other seasonable wild game. Pearl Oyster and Fish company, telephone 344.

Cut Glass.

We are going to sell what cut glass we have left at prices that will please you. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Ball \$400.

Alexander Doeke, on the charge of forgery, waived examination before Justice Hardy, and in default of \$400 bail went back to jail.

Attention Company 30, U. S. A. of P. You are hereby ordered to appear at the hall of Coeur de Leon lodge this evening at 7 o'clock sharp to take action in regard to the dedication of our new Castle hall. By order of A. T. Grist, S. K. Commander, F. O. Danurow, S. K. Recorder.

Married.

By Justice Hardy at his office on Dec. 30, William Smithers and Miss Josie Holland, both of Warrensburg. The attendants were the parents of the couple.

William Shock and Miss Julia L. Westbrook were united in marriage by Rev. George F. Hall, of the Church street Christian church, at 7 o'clock last night in the presence of a number of friends. The bride has been conducting the Stockman's Home restaurant and Mr. Shock is a railway switchman.

Home Forum Officers Elected.

The Home Forum elected the following officers last night:

President—Mrs. J. Haws.
First Vice President—Robert Welsh.
Second Vice President—Mrs. Priscilla Jacobs.
Treasurer—Mrs. I. D. Stiles.
Secretary—Mrs. Mary Seliger.
Historian—Mrs. Robert Welsh.
Orator—J. W. Lard.
Assistant Orator—Mrs. E. W. Leib.
Porter—William Carrick.
Outer Guard—Julia Schulte.
Medical Examiner—Dr. H. D. Hall.
Director—R. F. Davidson.

The Illinois Eldership.

The standing committee of the Illinois eldership of the Church of God held a meeting in this city yesterday and considered several important matters of business, among them being the re-admission of Rev. M. L. Newcomer to the Illinois eldership. He has been preaching at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. W. I. Berkstresser, financial agent of Findlay college, attended the meeting, being a member of the committee. He has been in the county for several days looking after the financial interests of the school in this section of the country. He returned to his home in Martinsville last night.

Town Topics.

Unless all signs fail, packed houses will greet "Town Topics" with its big company of comedians, singers and dancers on their appearance here next Friday matinee and night. "Town Topics" continues in the full flush of a brilliant career backed by one of the strongest combinations of comedians and dancers that high salaries could tempt, aside from the comedy which is pronounced exceedingly humorous. Specialists enjoying a top notch of fame will be introduced among whom may be mentioned William Kellar, Wm. H. Mack, John Queen, James Tenbrook, Phil Ott, Joseph Harrington, Wm. Nelson, Frank Caverly, A. M. Miller, Beatrice Norman, Nellie Sennott, Lillian Henkler, Luella Miller, Elsie Nugent, Laura Wainford, Freda Pool and Mamie Welty.

Recovered the Goods.

The local police were busy yesterday locating Mrs. Daniel Stewart, a colored woman, formerly Miss Mamie Ward of Bloomington. Detective Press Butler had come down from Bloomington to find Miss Ward, who had left that city a short time ago, taking with her wearing apparel and jewels valued at about \$200. Last summer the residence of J. B. Centos at Bloomington, was entered while the family were in California. It was at that time the goods were stolen. The Bloomington police learned that the Ward girl had some of the goods and when found yesterday she readily admitted that she had the articles described as stolen in her trunk and she produced them at once. One was a handsome silk dress and another was a diamond worth \$125. She said a colored man named Duke Miller had given the goods to her. The detective stated that Mrs. Stewart is not to blame in any respect and that she is an innocent party. It was on Monday evening in Decatur that the lady was married to Mr. Stewart.

Strong Endorsement—"Lady Slavey." Offices of Nixon & Zimmerman, managers, Broadstreet theatre, Chestnut street theatre, Chestnut street opera house, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 20, 1896.

Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger, Mgrs. "The Lady Slavey Co.," Broadway and 40th street, New York City, N. Y. Gentlemen: During our thirteen continuous years as managers of the principal theatres of Philadelphia, we have never, in all our experience, witnessed such an ovation as that accorded your production of the Casino success, "The Lady Slavey" last night at the inauguration of its two weeks' engagement at the Chestnut street theatre. The entertainment ran with a dash and spirit that was liberally applauded and at the conclusion of the piece our audience enforced the raising of the curtain no less than eight times and demanded speeches which were happily made by Marie Dressler, Dan Daly, Charles Danby, Richard Carle, Charles Kirke and Annie Buckley. Is there no possible way that you could arrange to continue your Philadelphia engagement for at least six weeks more, or if that is impossible, cannot you give us a month's engagement in the spring? Congratulating you most heartily upon the success of your splendid organization, we remain, Yours fraternally, Nixon & Zimmerman.

ALL DECATUR IS INVITED

To Attend the Inauguration of Governor-Elect Tanner January 11.

In an official circular from Springfield the Republican is informed that the people of the state of Illinois are cordially invited to attend the ceremonies of inauguration of the newly elected state officers to be held in Springfield Monday, January 11, 1897. The program for the day and evening will include: A civic and military parade, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.; the inaugural ceremonies in the hall of the house of representatives at the capitol at 12 o'clock noon, tickets for which will be distributed under the direction of the joint committee of the senate and house; a public reception by the state officers in the governor's rooms at the capitol immediately following the inauguration; a public reception by the state officers and their wives in the governor's rooms at the capitol from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock p. m.; an inaugural ball in the hall of the house of representatives at 9.30 o'clock p. m. No formal cards of invitation will be sent out for the inaugural ball but a general invitation is given to the people of the state to attend. Tickets for the ball may be procured at the Leland and St. Nicholas hotels, Springfield, and at the state house. The circular is signed by James R. B. Van Cleave, C. S. Rannells, J. Otis Humphrey, Wm. Barret Ridgely, J. R. Smith, N. R. Reese, J. H. Padlock, executive committee, inaugural ceremonies.

Gorgeous costumes—Lady Slavey.

In "The Lady Slavey" Canary & Lederer's big Casino production which will be seen here Monday, Jan. 4, will be presented the first attempt yet made to idealize the bloomer costume and the golf dresses to make them acceptable for stage purposes. From all accounts there seems to be nothing lacking in this production, which might please the costumes and stage groupings representing a combination of experience and good taste in stage matters which few of the many managers in this field can command. But charming and satisfying as are the social features, the piece which forms the vehicle for the display of color and melody is not neglected and from all accounts the libretto has been thoroughly Americanized notwithstanding its success in London. The company includes such well known players as Marie Dressler, Dan Daly, Charles H. Danby, Charles Kirke, Richard Carle and La Petite Adelaide, Annie Buckley.

Schilling's Minstrels.

The above company, which will appear Jan. 2 at the Grand, is the only minstrel show that is booked in the west this season. Their business has been very large, and proves that a capable company can do just as well, if not better, in the west as in any other part of the country. The show is reported by all dramatic correspondents to be the best of the kind that has been seen in the west for a number of years. They give a new, bright and clean entertainment full of novel and interesting features which are bound to please all.

Sales of Real Estate.

James Rice, Executor, to Catherine Morgan, the north half of lot 5 in block 3 of Bella's First addition to Blue Mound; \$600.

Oregon Hill to W. Z. Walmsley, lot 9 in Brueck & Aker's addition; \$1.

W. Z. Walmsley to Oregon Hill, lot 16 in Brueck & Aker's addition; \$1.

James E. Osborn to Oregon Hill, lot 13 in Brueck & Aker's addition; \$1.

Liabilities \$10,408, Net \$19,608. The liabilities of the firm of Smith & Calkins, haberdashers, who made an assignment yesterday for the benefit of creditors are \$10,498 net \$19,621, as printed last evening. The assignee, W. Henry Elwood, has filed his bond which is for \$14,200. The sureties are O. H. Gorin and J. M. Brownback.

Rabbits, squirrels, moulard, teal ducks and snipe. Pearl Oyster and Fish Co. Telephone 344.—30-3t

Notice.

After January 1st we will reduce prices on all groceries and sell for cash only. John Peniwell, corner W. Main and Monroe streets. dec28-dlw

Splendid Offer to Ladies.

A nice piece of music will be given free with each copy of a January magazine. Chodak News House.

Cloyd's Store to Close.

Cloyd, the People's grocer, gives notice that his store will not be open on Friday, Jan. 1. Patrons will take notice.—30-3t

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

It is reported that William J. Bryan has refused the \$1000 in payment for his Georgia lecture. He is not moved to this by any sense of justice, but he is under contract to deliver 50 lectures at that price, each, and wants to throw up the job. He is not troubled with a sense of the moral obligation which goes with a contract. The next thing will probably be a law suit and in that case Attorney Bryan will have to hire a lawyer to look after his case.

When a logical protective tariff man wants to suffer a spasm of supreme disgust it is only necessary to read the opinion of a Republican free trade paper on what the new tariff bill will be and how much it will resemble a Democratic tariff for revenue only measure. By this we are reminded how these same papers in 1890 told their readers how the McKinley rates adopted in the house would be cut down in the senate but nothing of the kind happened, they were raised in some cases instead. The next tariff bill will be a logical protective tariff measure and these papers will not have the pleasure of pointing out how much lower the rates are than they were in act of 1890. Some will be lower while others will be higher because the schedules will be governed by different conditions.

Move to Refuse.

All sorts of denials seem to be in order at the state department as to reported agreements with Spain. This sort of thing is becoming monotonous and ought to be dropped. It is evident the present administration is not disposed to do any thing in the Cuban matter that will please our people because it is laying awake nights to make up some office law in order to punish our people whose sympathies are with Cuba and who are not satisfied with a declaration of sympathy but are willing to extend that sympathy in a substantial way. If the administration has arrived at a point where it is a question with it whether it can successfully defy the will of the American people, and receive the plaudits of the Spaniards, then it had better drop the whole matter and let it rest during the remainder of the life of the administration to be taken up by a new administration, that will take up the question on its merits instead of indulging a passionate obstinacy.

The present administration, by its obstinacy, bungled the Hawaiian matter. It started wrong and kept consistently wrong in that affair to the present time. It has made the same kind of a start in the Cuban matter and there is no hope of it getting right and it has the least respect for the people it will wash its hands of the whole thing and let justice and reason wait until the new administration comes into power. If it will do this the people will forgive it though it imprisons every American that it suspects might sometime become a filibuster together with those it considers have committed that crime. The next administration can get the suspects out of jail a good deal easier than it could get the government out of a hole.

"The Machine."

The Chicago Tribune says "About two years ago several Chicago ward politicians who had been active but never prominent workers in the Republican party conceived the idea of forming an offensive and defensive office getting combine."

The Tribune here unwittingly furnishes a good definition of that thing known in politics as a "machine." The Republican has always consistently distinguished between a machine in politics and party organization. They are entirely dissimilar. A machine as the Tribune puts it is simply an "office getting combine." The object is to get office without reference to the welfare of the party or the wishes of the people and to this end a machine addresses itself to setting up politicians and securing delegates to the nominating convention who are with the machine or who can be deceived or controlled by it. The machine never helps the party in which it is formed. It seizes the party by insulting the people and is never helpful in winning votes to the principles of the party. The machine need not necessarily know anything about the principles of the party and as a rule not one machine politician in ten knows anything about the principles of the party. The machine man does on being "practical" and cold blooded and unmoved by any sentiment of right and wrong.

Party organization is the opposite of the machine. Its object is to teach the principles of the party and draw men toward these principles and secure their votes for the party. Party organization when rightly applied seeks to give the people an opportunity to express themselves on their choice of candidates in short party organization invokes harmony in the

party. It is in favor of all honorable means of securing votes and when a victory has been won it is in favor of every man having equal privileges to press his claims for preferment and opposes every system that disfranchises the masses to the extent that it is simply a waste of time to ask anything from those who helped to elect. If the Tribune will press the point it has so ably made as to "the machine" and show up the wide difference there is between "the machine" and legitimate party organization for the good of the whole party it can do a power of good to legitimate politics and in that way advance the influence of the party. There was a time when the Tribune did not make this distinction but it does it now and the past may well be forgiven.

Death of J. B. McCullagh.

J. B. McCullagh, vice president of the St. Louis Globe Printing Co., and managing editor of the Globe-Democrat, killed himself this morning by jumping from a window. McCullagh has for many years been a hard and constant brain worker and some months ago was forced by failing health to leave his work on the Globe for a time. A report was sent out at the time through the Associated Press that his malady was of so serious a character that he was not expected to live over a few days. This was vigorously denied and the statement was made that his illness was not at all serious, and that his health would be fully restored. What progress he made toward recovery we are unable to state but it is evident, from this, his last act, that the overworked brain gave way and he was seized and controlled by an hallucination that death was preferable to life. This is but another of hundreds of such tragedies occurring annually as the result of great brains giving way under overwork or too close application to thought. To say that such men are necessarily crazy or idiotic is putting it too strong. It is simply the giving way of some faculty of the brain which when in that condition prompts the victim to self-destruction while all the other faculties may be in perfect health and are performing their normal functions.

McCullagh was one of the brightest men in the country and perhaps the greatest editorial paragrapher the country ever produced. He was a newspaper correspondent during the war and a close friend of such officers as Grant, Logan and Sherman.

After the war he became connected with the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and has contributed much toward making it one of the greatest papers in the west and as McCullagh used to put it facetiously, "The Great Believable Daily."

The loss of this great man will be long felt in the fraternity of newspaper men. He was the friend of all and fully devoted to the profession and was an apostle upon whom many depended for light and encouragement.

PITH AND POINT.

—Pessimist—"What do you want here?"
Barclay (with great presence of mind)—
"I just came to ask if you would kindly play me your last composition."
(Pessimist plays, and invites Barclay to lunch). Westliche Blätter.

—"Do you believe that Adam gave a name to all the animals?" "I do, and I respect him for his selections. He did his work most creditably." "Why?"
—"Well, because there wasn't a Rover or a Pido in the whole lot."—Harper's Bazar.

—Mrs. Wallace—"That wood is ready for you to saw as soon as you see fit to go about it." Perry Patetic—"Pardon me, mum, but instead of saying go about it, you should have said go around. I will now go around it."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

—A Safe Mule—"Bastus, your infernal nigger, you told me that mule was perfectly safe, and when I went into the stable he nearly kicked the top of my head off." "Yes, sah; I said the mule was safe, sah. But of you kin recollect, I didn't say nuffin' about wedder it wuz safe in his vicinity."—Indianapolis Journal.

—Jarley—"Charlie Windig was married in the spring and his wife has left him for the first time. For a visit, you know. His mother-in-law is keeping house for him. Charlie says he never tackled such a problem." Bronson—"What problem?" Jarley—"Why, he's counting the minutes until his wife returns, and the hours until his mother-in-law goes, and it's tangled him all up."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Equally Distrustful—"Say," whispered the man in the broad-brimmed straw hat to the steamboat clerk, "give me some other stateroom, please. The man you've put me in with is a manufacturer of pure ground spices." A few minutes later the manufacturer of pure ground spices sauntered up to the clerk's desk. "Say," he whispered, "can't you let me have some other stateroom? You've put a fellow in with me that makes pure Vermont maple sugar."—Chicago Tribune.

The Farmers' Institute of DeWitt county offers a prize for the best essay on "Heroes" written by a boy, and also one on "Heroines" written by a girl, to be in the hands of the committee by Jan. 15.

Miss Carson, who teaches school in Germanville township, Livingston county, had a buggy run over her, the wheels passing over her head. She was not seriously hurt.

Fritz Mayer of Mt. Pleasant, has purchased a pair of bloodhound pups and will train them as criminal catchers. They are the first bloodhounds owned in Logan county.

Meeting of Cover de Loun lodge, Knights of Pythias, to-night.

REMEMBER THE CARRIERS.

They Will Call on Their Friends To-Morrow.

Tomorrow is the glad New Year. It is the day when you will promise yourself to be good, oh, so good, during the year 1897; but the chances are that a whole army of people will forget these New Year promises just as they forget those of the year gone by. How have these good resolutions been forgotten? Let the Republican give you a hint. They have been forgotten because you did not begin doing good while your resolution was crisp and fresh and vigorous. But you ask what shall I do? Where shall I begin? Tomorrow, the carriers for the Republican—those faithful big and little fellows who through storm as well as sunshine have delivered the Decatur Republican every day at your door, will call on you with their New Year's greeting. Don't turn them away by saying, "God bless you, be ye warmed and fed," but be fair and square with them and put some chink in their hands. That is the way to begin doing good. Do it for the sake of the reform you have promised yourself. It is the only way to hold on to or keep in sight of a good wholesome resolve to distinguish the New Year. Then you should bear in mind that through the year you have been hot under the collar when your paper was missed. Sometimes it was the carrier's fault. Sometimes, perhaps, it was not. You may have blamed him unjustly during the year. By treating him handsomely tomorrow when he calls if you ever made a mistake in censuring him you can make amends and begin the New Year square and put him under obligation to do better by you than he did last year. This may save you and the carrier, too, through the Mappy New Year of 1897.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Jennie Low went to Barrett, Minn., today.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Joynt of Harrison, Dec. 30, a son, their fifth child.

Mrs. E. D. Mattes is at St. Louis visiting relatives. She will be absent for about a week.

Dear God, who has been spending the vacation in the city, will return Monday to Ann Arbor.

Albert Mann, Earle Seiberling and Fred Ferguson went to Belmont today to visit friends for a few days.

Rev. Ryburn Gladfelter, of Springfield, O., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Melba Laforgue and other relatives.

Hon. J. O. Humphrey and Col. J. S. Culver, of Springfield, were in the city today on a business trip.

William Hawley Smith, of Peoria, who is to lecture at the Grand for the Star course tonight, is a guest at the St. Nicholas.

Will Lake, who has been a clerk in Armstrong Bros.' drug store for some time past, left today for Hornby, Ill., where he will visit. Next month he will go to Chicago to attend college and study pharmacy.

Fire This Morning.

At about 1 o'clock this morning the Morgan street crew of the fire department was called to the 1400 block on North Calhoun street. A frame house owned by Harry Doyor caught fire and the roof was burned away. The damage will amount to several hundred dollars. The family had gone to the country on a visit and no one was at home. A lighted lamp was found in the house but the cause of the fire could not be discovered.

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May wheat: puts, 82½c; calls, 84½c; curb 82½c.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—OAR LOTS.
Wheat—27, Estimated, 11, Year ago, 94
Corn—285, Estimated, 290; a year ago, 284
Oats—213, Estimated, 200, a year ago, 163.

ESTIMATES FOR NATURAL.
Wheat, 17; Corn, 260; oats, 220.
hog receipts 25,000; estimated 30,000. Market strong.

Estimated for Saturday, 31,000.
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St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Wheat, cash, No. 2, 91½c; May, 91½c; Corn, cash, 20½c; May, 20½c; Oats, cash, 18c; May, 20c.

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PROBIA QUOTATIONS.
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Claude Moore, of Kankakee, is building an ice boat and expects to be the champion of Kankakee.

David Smith, who lives three miles north of Champaign, has a herd of deer, and has marketed a nice lot of venison this winter.

C. A. Windle, editor of the Ottawa Fair-Dealer, formerly of Fairbury, is said to have renounced the A. P. A., of which he was a shining light.

The Phenomenal Holiday Sales

At "The Big Store" has left us with many odds and ends and remnants of all kinds. Some are slightly soiled from handling. If you want these goods you can have them at ABOUT ONE-HALF THEIR ORIGINAL PRICE. Every cut made with the determination to close them out before the advent of the new year.

OUR ANNUAL SELLING of Linens, Undermuslins, Domestics, Cottons, Embroideries, Quilts and Blankets, will commence MONDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1897.

All Our Remaining Toys Placed on the **Bargain Counter.**

350 Celluloid and Elastic Balls, were 10c, now..... 3c each
Kid Body Dolls, were 35c, now..... 15c each
Rubber Dolls, were 20c, now..... 9c each
Rubber Dolls, dressed, were 25c, now..... 15c each
Rubber Dolls, with wool woven dresses, were 25c, now..... 10c each
Rubber Rattles, were 50c, now..... 25c each
Celluloid Picture Frames..... 5c each
Aluminum Picture Frames, were 75c, now..... 25c each
Fancy Ink Wells..... 5c each
Folding Book Picture Frames, were 35c, now..... 15c each
Set of six Knives and six Forks, made by the Idaho Silver Co., warranted for three years, well worth \$2.00 a set, clearance price..... 95c
Set of six Table Spoons, beaded edge, made by C. B. Baker & Co., and warranted for 5 years; they would be cheap at \$4.00, our price..... \$1.75

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M'CULLAGH DEAD.

The Managing Editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat Found Dead on a Stone Pavement.

THREW HIMSELF OUT OF A WINDOW.

Failing Health and Incapacity to Leave His Room Unbalanced His Mind and He Managed to End His Existence.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—The body of Joseph B. McCullagh, chief editor of the Globe-Democrat, was found early this morning on a stone pavement beneath a window of his room in the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Kate Munton, on Pine street. It is supposed he flung himself from the window. His skull was crushed and the body was otherwise injured. The theory is suicide. It is, however, not accepted by all of McCullagh's friends. It is believed by many that he had one of his attacks of asthma during the night and in a struggle for breath threw up the window to obtain air and in his weakened condition tottered and fell out.

Dr. H. C. Hughes, his physician, says: "McCullagh was tired of living and killed himself. He gave no premonition of suicide, however. I saw him last evening. He said he felt sleepy and gave me to understand he wanted to be alone. His brain was affected, but intellect was all right. He never gave any sign of mental break down. He suffered profound exhaustion complicated with recurring kidney trouble. The late campaign undermined his health."

The Post-Dispatch says McCullagh's illness came on after the close of the Republican National convention and took the form of acute asthma complicated with nervous depression. His limbs lost their vigor, his arms were numb and his premonitions indicated that his brain had come under the same shadowy spell, but he would not admit that he was failing either physically or mentally and insisted on managing the paper from his bed room. All through the day yesterday he sat in an arm chair wrapped in blankets and received reports from his subordinates and gave orders for the conduct of the paper.

It is now definitely known that McCullagh committed suicide. He had been quite melancholy for several days and last night was unusually weak and nervous. About midnight his sister-in-law, Mrs. Munton, went into his room and found the gas streaming from one of the burners and McCullagh semi-unconscious. She stopped the flow and aired the room, aroused McCullagh and administered him to be more careful, then returned to her own apartments. This morning after the body was found it was discovered that the gas was again turned on. The conclusion has been reached that he attempted asphyxiation but finding the process too slow opened the window and plunged to the pavement below.

Fell in Love With Another's Wife, Bath, Me., Dec. 31.—This city is stirred up by a story which concerns John O. Patten, a wealthy and prominent citizen, and the wife of Dr. P. W. Roberts. John Scott, counsel for Dr. Roberts, said:

"We have endeavored so far as has been possible to keep the story quiet, and there will be no prominence given to the case in the divorce court, unless we are driven to it. I will further say that Dr. Roberts would take none of Mr. Patten's money."

Dr. Roberts is about 35 years of age and prepossessing. He is a homoeopathic physician, having an extensive practice among the best people in the city. Mrs. Roberts is pretty and clever. On one occasion she surprised a doctor of divinity by her knowledge of Aryan, and there is scarcely a subject about which she cannot carry on a conversation, which never fails to interest. She has beautiful twin daughters.

Some time ago Mr. Patten and Mrs. Roberts became the subject of gossip in society. A separation of the doctor and Mrs. Roberts followed. Last summer friends of Mr. Patten advised him to go away from home for a while, and he did so. He was a representative-elect to the Maine legislature and had to give up his seat. Mrs. Roberts is at her former home in Newton, Mass. Mr. Patten belongs to one of the oldest Bath families. He had a fortune of \$250,000 left him. He tried Wall street and lost money. He invested in a Boston newspaper at one time and his friends say that he lost in that venture. He is married.

He was found in Boston yesterday by a reporter and said that he would not contest the case substantially admitting the facts as stated.

Killed by a Deputy Sheriff. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—Joshua Stewart, a colored employee of the Louisville and Nashville railroad here, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Burgin. Police Officers Walton and Scherber had arrested two negro women for fighting. The women became unruly, and the officers had trouble in handling them. Stewart seized Officer Walton's club and commenced beating him with it. The officer was severely hurt. Deputy Sheriff Burgin came along

and took a hand in the fight, and Stewart made for him with the club, when Burgin drew his pistol and shot Stewart three times in the side. A large crowd of negroes gathered, and further trouble was feared, when Chief McDonald sent out a cordon of police and everything was quieted down. Stewart was the father of the colored fireman in the wreck Sunday morning who escaped with a broken arm.

THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

Makes a Report of the Amount of Money Received for the Period of Sixteen Months—Gomez' Salary.

Boston, Dec. 31.—The Journal says the Cuban provisional government has forwarded to its representative in this country a statement of the money, munitions of war and provisions furnished for carrying on the war from all parts of the world since July 30, 1895, to November 30, 1896. It shows receipts from cities in the United States \$1,700,000, and United States outside of cities, \$375,000; foreign countries, \$1,222,000; total, \$3,210,000. An effort will be made to raise a million dollars in the next sixty days. It is claimed this war will be decided in Cuba's favor inside of five months. The statement is also made that Gomez, the Cuban commander, has agreed to serve through the war for \$100,000. Of this \$60,000 has been paid and the remainder is now due. In some quarters it is claimed that Gomez became inactive because his salary was not forthcoming.

General Gomez to General Campos. Madrid, Dec. 31.—The Tiempo publishes the alleged text of a letter addressed by Maximo Gomez to Marshal Campos at the end of January, 1895, a few days before General Campos left Cuba, to which General Campos replied that he could do nothing, as he had resigned his command, but would communicate the letter to his successor. The letter runs thus:

"General, as you are a gentleman, and, owing to your high qualities, deserve the sympathy of the whole country, I appeal to you. I would not do so to any other person representing the authority of Spain on the island. We must all lament the shedding of blood and the ruin of Cuba. For my part I would wish to contribute to stopping so much devastation. If you can find some means for working out peace, have no scruples in telling me so, because I will make any sacrifice to devise on my side some formula of compromise."

Strangely enough General Campos was not allowed to carry out the home rule reform, which might have checked the uprising. Most Spaniards, especially the liberals, cannot help thinking now how practical and politic it would be under the present circumstances to send the gallant marshal back to Cuba.

There is a widespread rumor in military circles that General Weyler probably will be succeeded by Marshal Primo de Rivera, the captain general of Madrid, who will have two able assistants in the persons of Lieutenants General Macias and Correa. The change, however, depends on the failure of General Weyler's present plan of campaign and his persisting in refusing to come to terms with the Cuban planters in regard to allowing the gathering of the crops and the working of the sugar mills. I believe the rumor is premature.

Premier Canovas has again authorized the Madrid press to deny that he has negotiated with or given any pledge to the American government concerning his plans in Cuba.

Failed to Blow the Safe.

Newton, Iowa, Dec. 31.—Between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning the Bank of Sully of Sully, Iowa, fifteen miles southeast of here, on the Iowa Central, was entered by three burglars, who successfully made their way into the vault and secured \$27.75 in pennies and one \$10 bill, but were frightened away before they had effected an entrance to the safe, which contained more than \$30,000 in cash. Tools were taken from a neighboring blacksmith shop. The burglars had little difficulty in reaching the interior of the vault. Then they attacked the safe. The hinges were knocked off, and they attempted to demolish it by means of liquid explosives. Three explosions followed, but they were not sufficient to open the safe. The first aroused the cashier of the bank, L. H. Sherman, who lives near. He rushed toward the bank, giving an alarm as he went. His approach was discovered and the burglars fled, followed by five shots from his revolver, but his aim was not effective. The night was intensely dark, and, although a posse was immediately formed, the burglars could not be tracked. The sheriff went from here yesterday and will continue the pursuit. Suspicion rests upon strangers who have been seen in the neighborhood.

Woman Assassinated.

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 31.—Mrs. George Page, aged 60, was mysteriously shot and mortally wounded last night. She was sitting at a window when the first shot was fired. Frightened by the report she started to run when the second shot struck her in the back. She was thought to have some money and it is supposed that robbery was the motive. Bloodhounds are on the trail of the murderers who if caught will likely be lynched.

The Fog in Cleveland.

Cleveland, Dec. 31.—The density of the fog which has hung over this section for several days has greatly increased. At 11 o'clock this morning it was almost as dark as night. It was impossible to see distinctly more than a few feet. Telegraphic communication is maintained with the greatest difficulty.

THE NATION'S VOTE.

The Official Canvass of Maryland, the Last State, Completed To-Day.

MCKINLEY'S PLURALITY 630,745.

The Total Vote Reaches 13,888,762 and McKinley Has a Majority Over All of 316,399—Prohibition Vote Light.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The official canvass of the vote of Maryland, for president, Nov. 3, was completed today, this being the last vote. The total vote in all the states was 13,888,762. McKinley received 7,101,301; Bryan, 6,470,956; Palmer, 185,950; Levering, Pro., 180,500; Bentley, National, 14,892; Matchett, Socialist, 53,538. McKinley's plurality is therefore, 630,745; his majority over all, 316,399.

SELECTED A SACRED PLACE.

Banker Wilkinson Goes Into a Church to Commit Suicide.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 31.—George B. Wilkins, vice president of the Commercial bank of Selma, Ala., that failed for half a million, yesterday, suicided at 4 o'clock this morning in the Episcopal church, shooting himself through the head. He had been vice president of the bank and treasurer of the church for thirty years.

Hopkins-Tanner Libel Suit.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—The libel suit of ex-Mayor John P. Hopkins against John R. Tanner, governor-elect, was dismissed yesterday. The suit, which grew out of the state campaign of 1894, was dismissed by stipulation and without costs to either of the parties. A circular was sent out by Tanner as chairman of the Republican state central committee, and alleged that money had been extorted by Hopkins, then mayor of Chicago, from the gamblers and other vicious elements of Chicago, to swell the Democratic campaign fund. Tanner filed a plea in which were the names of many gamblers who, it was alleged, were assessed, and the plea was one of justification. Judge Adams decided about a year ago that the declaration made in the circular, and since that time nothing had been done in the case until yesterday.

Senator Walthall Becomes Exacting.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Walthall of Mississippi, today announced that he is opposed to the Cameron resolution or Cuban resolution because there is no Cuban republic to recognize, this in spite of the fact that he is strongly in sympathy with the Cubans.

Knocked Out in the First Round.

Elmhurst, N. Y., Dec. 30.—"Con" Doyle of Chicago, was knocked out by "Mike" Farrell of Buffalo, in two minutes and a half of the first round before the Queen City club last night. The men who are waterweights were matched to fight fifteen rounds.

Silver Senators Cranky.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The silver senators have decided to oppose the confirmation of all persons appointed to office by the president in place of persons removed for taking part in the recent campaign in behalf of silver.

The Bermuda Game.

New York, Dec. 3.—The steamer Bermuda cleared for Bermuda today followed by the revenue cutter Manhattan watching the alleged filibuster. It is not expected the cutter will go beyond the three mile sea limit.

One of the Blue Cut Robbers in Custody.

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—Jim Kennedy, leader of the robbers who held up the Chicago and Alton train at Blue Cut last week, was arrested at Cracker Neck, near the scene of robbery and brought here.

Grain Buyer Murdered.

Chetopa, Kan., Dec. 31.—T. W. Glasz, a grain buyer, was held up in his office at Welch and was shot twice from the effects of which he died this morning. There have been two arrests.

Silvera Wounded.

Havana, Dec. 31.—General Ruiz Rivera, who succeeded Maceo in command of the insurgents in Pinar del Rio, is wounded according to Spanish advices from Artemisa.

Teachers Adjourn.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 31.—The State Teachers' association held its closing session this morning and elected officers with J. W. Hayes of Urbana, as president.

Steamer Founders.

Calais, Dec. 31.—The steamer Deux Freres foundered today and fifteen of the crew were drowned.

Weather Probabilities.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Rain tonight; Friday slight changes of temperature; fresh south to southeast winds.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

True grippe is a germ disease. These germs are in the circulation and pervade every tissue and organ of the body. This brings speedy collapse and often death to the aged and debilitated. The only germicide known that searches out and destroys every grippe germ in the system is Brazilian Balm. A week or ten days' treatment effects a complete cure. For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists.

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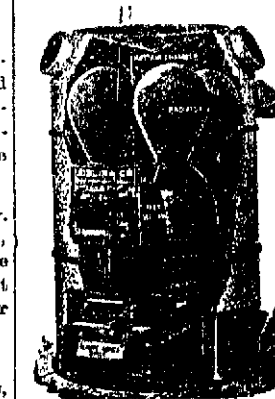
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North Carolina is one of the oldest states in respect to settlement, having been first colonized in 1587. It is one of the 13 original states, and by reason of its extensive seacoast and good ports has always been easily accessible to immigrants. Yet in the whole United States there is not one of the 45 which has a smaller foreign-born population than North Carolina, and this peculiar distinction it has retained for a good deal more than a century. By the federal census of 1890 there were 1,660,000 native-born inhabitants of North Carolina, and only 3,700 born out of the state. North Carolina's percentage, in fact, is so much lower than that of all the other states that it appears almost insignificant. North Dakota, at the top of the list, has 80 per cent. foreign-born population; Minnesota, 56; Wisconsin, 44; Rhode Island, 44; New York, 35; Connecticut, 32; New Jersey, 29; Illinois, 28; New Hampshire, 23; Ohio, 14; Maryland, 10; Indiana, 7, and Louisiana, 4. North Carolina's percentage is one-fifth of one per cent., and it has at no time been much larger.

This fact being undisputed, the question naturally arises, what is the cause? Some say that it is due to the fact that North Carolina is practically a state without cities, and that as the foreign-born population of every state is to be found chiefly in the large cities, the case is easily explained, but such an explanation, unfortunately, does not cover the case. North Carolina has one city, Wilmington, with a population in excess of 20,000, and Raleigh, Charlotte and Asheville have more than 10,000 population each. Moreover, it is not always large cities that count in the United States for foreign-born population. The state of Iowa, for instance, with only one city in excess of 50,000 inhabitants, contains 20 per cent. of foreign-born population. North Dakota, too, which was at the head of the list of states in respect to foreign-born population by the last census, did not at that time have a city with a population as large as Asheville, N. C. Some other explanation must, therefore, be found, and perhaps the most plausible is the fact that Virginia being the arena of the hardest fighting between the hostile armies during the civil war, the tide of immigration which followed strongly while it lasted was diverted from North Carolina, which lies immediately south of Virginia, and thus practically the state was cut off from this supply. Before the war, of course, when slave labor ruled the industrial market, there was no large foreign immigration into any of the southern states, with the exception of Louisiana and Texas. Oddly enough, while there are only 3,700 foreign-born inhabitants returned by the last federal census, there were 1,514 Indians, and it seems a strange state of affairs that in any American commonwealth on the Atlantic border the proportion of Indians to foreign-born citizens should be so high.—N. Y. Sun.

LONG-DISTANCE MAIL CARRYING

Rural Free Delivery in a Colorado District of six square miles.

The rural free delivery of mail is in operation in one district in Colorado. This district is a portion of Larimer county lying along the Big Thompson river just east of Loveland. It is about six square miles, and is inhabited by about 100 families living on well-improved ranches. It is an ideal district for a favorable test of the advantages of free delivery in a farming district. The roads are always good, even in winter, and the weather is seldom bad. Probably no class of farmers anywhere in this country are more inclined to read than the Colorado ranchmen. They are from eastern states, and they seek to keep in touch with their former homes by means of newspapers. They take metropolitan news papers and country weeklies. They are subscribers to weekly and monthly periodicals of all sorts, and they do considerable mail order business with firms in eastern cities. A daily mail is, therefore, to the farmers of Larimer county a great boon.

The district is covered by two carriers, making daily trips. They travel about 25 miles each day, delivering mail to every resident of the district and taking up all mail to be forwarded from the ranch homes. Their routes have been laid out carefully, and wherever it is found more convenient to leave the mail for several persons at the foot of a side road this is done, boxes for the purpose being placed on posts.

The carrier rides in a buckboard, with seat space for one passenger, and under his contract with the government he is permitted to do a parcel delivery and general express and messenger business. He takes orders from the farmers for supplies, medicines or messenger service. He carries passengers for a small fee to and from Loveland. Like the ship grocery along the New England coast, the country carrier does all sorts of errands. As a means of interchanging the gossip and news of the township he is an undoubted success.—N. Y. Sun.

A Chinese Gas Theory.
The consumers of that useful fluid, natural gas, will be interested to know that the Chinese have a tradition that the escape of too much of it from the earth long ago caused the collapse of a great portion of the Mongolian empire. To prevent a second calamity of the kind the Chinese lawgivers of about 2,000 years ago enacted a law compelling the closing of all vents in the earth from which natural gas was known to escape, and that law is still on the statute books of the empire.—Chicago Chronicle.

A Violent Poison.
The oil of tobacco found in the stems of long-used pipes, or obtained by distillation at a red heat, is one of the most active and powerful poisons known to the chemist. A single drop will often cause death in the case of a dog or cat.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

COLDS DUE TO FLANNELS.

Now Comes a Physician Who Says Heavy Woolen Underwear Is Bad.

A physician who has given much thought to the hygiene of clothing has come to the conclusion that many deaths are caused by heavy woolen underclothing.

It can be proved that flannels are often the cause of severe colds. To have a cold is to be in a diseased condition and that means a loss of vitality and a shortening of life. It may even mean sudden death.

One can easily demonstrate in one's own person on a small scale the ill effects of excessive flannels. Bind your hand in thick woolen bandages and leave it in that condition for a night. In the morning you will find it damp and flabby, the pores all open. It is in the most susceptible condition for catching cold. If the whole body were brought to the same state the result would be disastrous.

That the whole body is often brought to a nearly similar condition is certain. The majority of people during the winter increase themselves in heavy, tight woolen or flannel garments. These provoke perspiration and do not absorb it. The result is that the wearer's skin is hot, damp and highly susceptible to the inflammatory effects of cold. A slightly lowered temperature can hardly fail to bring on a cold.

Heavy woolen underclothing is able to do all the more harm because it has the weight of ancient domestic tradition. Few people dare to be wiser than their grandmothers. Woolen underclothing, according to modern experience, should be as light as is consistent with comfort. There are many persons who go through the winter healthily in cotton underwear and these are probably the most fortunate class of the population. But the warmth-preserving qualities of wool are not to be ignored.

One of its great properties is that it is a bad conductor of heat. The heat of the body, therefore, is not given out by it. It also does not stick to the skin and does not absorb perspiration freely. This is a quality of doubtful value. While it is agreeable not to have your underclothing glued to your skin it is injurious to carry a deposit of moisture which may become cold and do harm in all parts of the body.

The object, therefore, should be to wear underclothing which does not cause excessive perspiration. It should be light and loose. Wool is apparently the best material for the majority of the people.

The subject of colds receives too little attention. Many people are resigned to the perpetual possession of them. They should be regarded as disease dangers, offensive and unclean. Patient medicine advertisements print eloquent descriptions of their final effects. These remarks are applicable to those who have neglected themselves too long and are fit subjects for the hospital or prolonged medical treatment. Wise attention to clothing and the general health is more valuable than all remedies and treatment.

Colds are probably the chief cause of illness and disease among human beings. They give little trouble to animals, who wear no clothing. Arguing from these facts, some enthusiasts would say that the less clothing you wear and the more you expose yourself the healthier you will be.

But a state of civilization of considerable antiquity has made it necessary for man to preserve his natural heat by artificial means. It is not permissible to abandon clothing entirely in this country. Nor is it advisable to wear as little as the public authorities will permit during an American winter.

Neither warm clothing or artificial heat will satisfactorily replace the natural heat of the body. To preserve this should be the first aim of all who wish to avoid colds. Good food, fresh air and exercise are obviously the principal means.

In the care of the body the skin should take an important place. As far as colds are concerned it is all important, because they rarely occur unless the skin is in a certain condition.

When the pores of the skin are opened the cold air enters where it is not wanted and causes an inflammation. In cold weather the pores should be closed. Cold water is an excellent vehicle for closing the pores. The weight of experience seems to prove that it is better to use warm water first. Much depends on the individual constitution.

The warm water cleanses and softens the skin and relieves the body of superfluous moisture, the frequent source of colds. Following this, the cold water will close the pores and put the skin in a sound, normal condition. No one should stay in cold water long enough to feel discomfort.—N. Y. World.

Two Lives Saved.
Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Mo., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. At West's Drug Store.

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Very Truly Yours,
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A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 24, '96.
Last Friday, Dec. 19, my attending physician stated unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four-C" remedy, stopped all other medicines. The first dose stopped my cough, sleep and rested well; a few more doses removed all soreness from my lungs; the second day I was up; the third day I was out on the porch and today was up town purchasing holiday goods.

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BEAUTY IN BELTS.

Woman's Fair Form Enriched by Artistic
Zones of Many Designs.

Belted women are everywhere. Shirt
waists and bicycle costumes are respon-
sible for the belts and the ingenuity of
manufacturers has been stirred in de-
vising new designs in the hands of
leather and their fastenings, particularly
in their fastenings. For the buckles
of old shapes, emblematic of everything
under the sun, are the dearest vanity of
the girl and woman who wear a belt.

There is a great, bejeweled Egyptian
buckle. It is ornamented with bar-
barous magnificence and it bears the
awful name of "Isis" to give it the due
ancient Egyptian stamp. Then there is
the Rob Roy buckle. It is Scotch plaid,
with two thistles crossed in the center.
The belt that goes with this buckle is a
tartan ribbon, broad and Caledonian,
and it is one of the most attractive of
the many belts of the spring.

The big Father Knickerbocker belt is a
popular design. The buckle is like
that worn by the villain in ancient plays,
large, square and plain. It is like those
placed on the fronts of the shoes of the
old Dutchmen who ruled New Amster-
dam and were perfectly satisfied with
themselves.

There are bicycle belts beyond count.
Many of them have a wheel arranged in
some ingenious way for the buckle.
Large horseshoes are seen in some bicy-
cle belts, probably in ironical reference
to the decadence of the horse, now that
the wheel has come into general use.
The belt portion of the bicycle is five
inches wide and is elastic, so that it
will keep the skirt up and the waist
down and at the same time give support
to the back of the wearer as she hurries
along on her silent steed.

Besides these freakish belts, there are
scores of dainty little girdles of elastic,
enameled with daisies, buttercups, for-
get-me-nots and other simple flowers
of the woods, giving the pastoral effect
that is inexplicably charming. The
buckle is sometimes a water-color por-
trait of a friend, or of Martha Wash-
ington, or Mrs. Cleveland, or Queen Vic-
toria, or Lillian Russell, or some other
well-known woman for whom the wear-
er has a regard. These belts cost as
high as \$35 and each one is warranted to
be worth the money.

A pretty custom this spring is that of
giving buckles as keepsakes. The young
man of the day gives the young woman
a buckle of some quaint and attractive
design, as he might give her a book or
a bouquet. If he gives her something
that no one else has it is so much the
more acceptable.

All belts are not \$35. You may buy
them for 20 cents in some of the stores.
But everyone is wearing a belt, cheap or
expensive, ugly or beautiful, and every-
one is interested in the subject of belts.
—Chicago News.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE BABY.

It was a Nice Child, But Mysterious,
Until the Old Lady Explained.
She was one of the curious women
who are always to be found every-
where, and when the young couple, ac-
companied by the baby and the old lady,
entered the car, she turned her atten-
tion to them at once. Presently the
baby began to cry, and she saw her
opportunity. She waited, however, un-
til the poor young woman had tried
vainly to quiet the baby, and then, when
she yielded the battle and delivered it
over to the older lady, the curious
woman opened fire.

She began the campaign by offering
the child a flower, and when the young
woman, thankful of the consolation of
the cries which had attracted her at-
tention of all the passengers, thanked
her gratefully, she commenced to ask
questions at once:

"How old is your baby?" she asked
first, and the young woman blushed
and looked desperately at her compan-
ions.

"I don't know," she answered, at last.
"Do you, Edward?"

"No," was the brief response of the
man, as he glanced at the curious woman,
man-fashion, "I don't."

The young woman looked as if she
considered the matter settled, and
sighed comfortably as she leaned back
and began playing with the baby, but
the inquirer was not yet satisfied, and
she returned to the charge.

"Has your baby any teeth?" she
asked, smiling cordially, and again the
young woman blushed.

"I—really don't know," was the
answer again, and the young man rose
hastily and went out upon the plat-
form.

"You don't know, either of you?"
reiterated the curious woman, in as-
tonishment. "How funny."

But no explanation was offered her
and she tried another tack.

"Is this your first baby?" she said,
with an insinuating smile, "or how
many little blessings are there at your
house?"

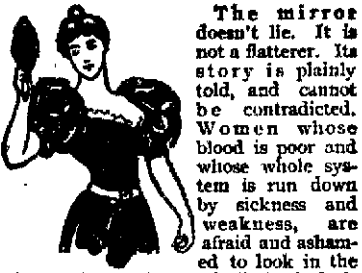
"Fifty," answered the old lady, short-
ly, seeing that the younger one was
helpless with embarrassment, and the
curious woman fell back in her seat
in astonishment.

"Why," she gasped, looking the in-
credulity she felt, "how can that be
possible?"

"I'm the matron of an orphan asy-
lum," explained the old lady, icily,
"and these kind young people are help-
ing me to take this baby to the lady who
has adopted it."—Chicago Times-Her-
ald.

A Jam of Mixed Fruits.
Very good jam can be made by
mixing fruits, as raspberries and
red currants, raspberries and gooseber-
ries, and so on. Either apples or goose-
berries mix nicely with almost all other
fruits. The best way to use them is to
make them into jelly, and add a propor-
tion of this jelly to the other fruit while
boiling.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Veal Sandwiches.
To one cup of chopped veal and one
hard-boiled egg add two ounces of but-
ter, two tablespoonsful of catsup, salt
and pepper to taste. Mix well, and
spread on thin slices of bread.—House-
wife.



The mirror
doesn't lie. It
is not a flatterer.
Its story is plainly
told, and cannot
be contradicted.
Women whose
blood is poor and
whose whole sys-
tem is run down
by sickness and
weakness, are
afraid to look in the
glass. The condition of all the body is
written in the face.

Thousands of women are dragging out
a weary, miserable existence, because
they do not fully realize what is the
matter with them. They know that they
have "female weakness," but they do
not really appreciate what that means.
They do not know that to this one
trouble is traceable almost all of their
bodily ills. They consider it a disease
by itself, and if they have also neuralgia,
nervous headaches, biliousness, kidney
troubles and other things, they see no
connection between them and the de-
rangements of a strictly feminine nature.
Busy and overworked physicians often
treat these things as separate ailments,
when the whole trouble has the one
source. The reproductive organs are so
important a part of the body that when
they are out of order, the whole system
is deranged. Whatever illness a woman
has, she will do well to look there for
the cause.

A great many women knowingly neg-
lect themselves, because they dread the
telling of their troubles to a physician
and the subsequent examination and
"local treatment." All this is needless
for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has
been found to perfectly and permanently
restore lost strength and promote regu-
larity of functional action.

Twenty-one cents sent to World's
Dispensary Medical Association, No.
563 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y. will
bring a 1000 page book, called "The
People's Medical Adviser" full of sound
advice.

The Farmers' Institute of DeWitt coun-
ty offers a prize for the best essay on "Ho-
ruses" written by a boy, and also one on
"Horizons" written by a girl, to be in the
hands of the committee by Jan. 15.

The old lady was right when she said,
the child might die if they waited for
the doctor. She saved the little one's
life with a few doses of One Minute
Cough Cure. She had used it for croup
before. A. J. Stoner & Son and Arm-
strong Bros.

Fritz Mayor of Mt Pulaeki, has pur-
chased a pair of bloodhound pups and will
train them as criminal catchers. They
are the first bloodhounds owned in Logan
county.

The person who disturbed the con-
gregation last Sunday by coughing is
requested to call on the Neiser Drug
and Supply Co. or N. L. Krone and get
a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar
which always gives relief.

Miss Carson, who teaches school in Ger-
manville township, Livingston county,
had a buggy run over her, the wheels
passing over her head. She was not seri-
ously hurt.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped
hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds,
burns, are quickly cured by De Witt's
Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the
article most used for piles, and it always
cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Arm-
strong Bros.

Six of the children of A. G. Springer,
of St. Joseph, are sick with typhoid fever.
Mr. Springer has also been taken down
with the same disease.

Dr. L. Kittinger, a leading physician
of Wilmington, Del., asked the proprie-
tor of Brazilian Balm to send him a dol-
lar bottle. "A few weeks afterwards the
doctor said: 'I had a couple of cases of
old Colic on hand that completely
baffled me. I had got to the end of my
string. But the Balm made a prompt
cure in both cases. It is a remarkable
remedy.'"

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists
C. A. Windle, editor of the Ottawa
Fair-Dealer, formerly of Fairbury, is said
to have renounced the A. P. A., of which
he was a shining light.

For Pneumonia.
Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich.,
says: "I have used Foley's Honey and
Tar in three very severe cases of pneu-
monia the past month, with good re-
sults." Neiser Drug and Supply Co.
and N. L. Krone.

David Smith, who lives three miles
north of Champagn, has a herd of deer,
and has marketed a nice lot of venison
this winter.

Soothing and not irritating, strength-
ening and not weakening, small but
effective—such are the qualities of
De Witt's Little Early Risers, the
famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son
and Armstrong Bros.

G. E. Stewart and Miss Minnie Minier
were married on Sunday at Minier. The
groom is a jeweler of that town. His
wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Min-
nier of Minier, and the granddaughter of
Rev. G. W. Minier.

"Excuse me," observed the man in
spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and
that is not where the liver is." "Never
you mind where the liver is," retorted
the other. "If it was in his big toe or
left ear, De Witt's Little Early Risers
would reach it and shake it for him. On
that you can bet your gig-lamps." A. J.
Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

S. D. Adams, of Cerro Gordo, had 85
turkeys stolen at one haul last week.

Claude Moore, of Kankakee, is build-
ing an ice boat and expects to be the
champion of Kankakee.

Booklet's Arsenic Salve.
The Best Salve in the world for Out-
breaks, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum,
Fever Sores, Tetter, Chaps, Hives,
Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions,
and positively cures Piles, or no pay re-
quired. It is guaranteed to give perfect
satisfaction, or money refunded. Price
25 cents per box. For sale by E. A.
West, the druggist.

BARGAIN COLUMN.

Advertisements a Party words or less may
be inserted in this column at the rate of 25
cents per week, payable invariably in advance.

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.
Wanted—Two or three furnished rooms,
for rent, near the city. Address "B. R."
Republican office.

WANTED.
Wanted—A good girl for general housework.
References required. Address "B. R."
Republican office.

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CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
Macon County.

In the Circuit Court, to the January Term, 1897.
John King et al. vs. Samuel G. Malone et al.
Chancery.
It appearing by affidavit filed in my office that
on the 11th day of December, 1896, the following
named defendants, Mary Sanderson, Joseph
Sanderson, John Robert and Saffronia Robert
cannot be found, notice is hereby given to each
of you that the above named defendants have
filed their bill of complaint in said court on the
chancery side thereof, which said bill is still
pending, and that summons thereon issued
out of said court against each of you have
named defendants returnable to the next Jan-
uary term 1897, on the first day thereof, to be
held at the court house in Decatur, in said
county, on the second Monday in January, A. D.
1897. Now unless you, the said Mary Sanderson,
Joseph Sanderson, John Robert and Saffronia
Robert shall appear on the first day of
said court and plead answer or demurrer to
said bill of complaint the same will be taken as
confessed against you and a decree rendered
according to the prayer thereof.
Dated this 31st day of December, A. D. 1896.
J. M. CLELLAN, Clerk.

NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
Macon County.

In the Circuit Court, to the January Term,
A. D. 1897.
Joseph McKeown vs. M. Neal—Distractor for
Hog.
Affidavit of the nonresidence of the defendant
above named having been filed in the office of
the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county,
Illinois, on the 11th day of December, 1